

# URL Encoder

Convert strings to and from URL-safe encoding.

## About the URL Encoder & Decoder tool

There are several characters in a URL (web address) that have a special meaning - such as #, ?, & and =. If you need to pass these characters through to an application in its [URL \(Uniform Resource Locator\)](#) you need to encode them. This is known as URL encoding.

This online URL encoder and URL decoder converts a string to and from URL encoding.

## Use Cases

Use the URL Encoder & Decoder tool on Solid Tools for Developers to:

- Replace special characters in a string with their URL-encoded equivalent
- Replace URL-encoded characters with their original, un-encoded equivalent

## Usage

To replace special characters in a string with their URL-encoded equivalent, type or paste the text into the first text-area (labelled "string to URL-encode") and click the "Encode" button. The URL-encoded string will appear in the second text-area.

To replace encoded characters back into their un-encoded equivalent, type or paste the text into the second text-area (labelled "URL-encoded string") and click the "Decode" button. The un-encoded string will appear in the first text-area.

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